



Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life

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DATES

October

- 10th Year 3 Assembly (9.05am)
- 10th 6.00 Robinwood and SATs Meeting for Y6 Parents
- 12th PTFA Disco (4.45- 5.45pm EY, Y1 & Y2, 6.00-7.00pm KS2)
- 13th Year 3 trip to Hancock Museum
- 17th Year 5 trip to Centre for Life
- 23rd Photographer
- 23rd 3.30pm Parents' Evening
- 25th 3.30pm Parents' Evening
- 26th 1.30pm KS2 Harvest Service
- 26th 3.20pm School closes for Half Term holiday
- 27th PD Day

November

- 6th School reopens after Half Term
- 6th Y6 at Robinwood
- 13th Flu Vaccines
- 14th Year 6 Assembly (9.05am)
- 17th Children in Need

September has flown by and we are all into our routines. All of our new children have settled very well and it feels as though they've always been part of the school. There's lots going on, so don't forget to keep checking on the website and Twitter for updates.



Nursery have based their learning around the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'. They have enjoyed exploring and tasting a range of fruit and vegetables. They used some fabulous language to describe how they look, feel, smell and taste.

Year 3 have been learning the scientific names for their bones and making up their own home shrine as part of RE work on Hinduism.



Good Attendance

Year 6 are the class with the best attendance in September. Their attendance was 97.1%. They will be enjoying some extra playtime as a reward.



Year 2 have begun exploring programming using ProBots. They had to think carefully about how to instruct the ProBots to change direction and follow a path.

Harvest Festival

KS2 will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Thursday 26th October at 2pm. This is when we break up for the half-term holiday and is an enjoyable finishing point. We would like to invite you to join us in St. Edmund's Church to take part in the songs and recitals performed by the children. To avoid the usual seating and congestion issues at St. Edmund's when Covid cases are again increasing, we are politely requesting that a maximum of 2 adults per child attend.

This year, once again, we will be supporting a local charity, Feeding Families <https://feedingfamilies.org.uk/>. We will be sending information shortly about the items of food they are most in need of and when you can send items into school.



Website

Please don't forget to keep checking our website: <http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk>. Our Twitter feed is also accessible from the website.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Just a reminder that the deadline for expressing an interest in our parent governor vacancy is Monday 9th October. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like to know more about what being a parent governor involves, please get in touch with Mrs Cox. We know that we have many parents/carers who have lots to offer and hope that you will consider this as an opportunity to really get involved in the decisions that are made about our school.

There is information on the governors on the school website:

<http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk/why-sedgefield-primary/governors> and

<http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk/why-sedgefield-primary/governors/governing-body-committees>

PTFA

The PTFA AGM will take place at 6.00pm on Thursday 16th November in school. Their fundraising makes a massive difference to what we can offer in school, as do all of the social events they usually organise. However, they do need your help! It is not a huge commitment; usually the PTFA only meet 3 or 4 times a year and they will be very welcoming of new ideas and a few extra pairs of hands. PTFA numbers are dwindling and it would be heart-breaking to think that your children will not have the fabulous events and benefit from all of the additional projects that PTFA makes possible in the way that previous children have had. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Baby News!

We are delighted to share with you the news that Mrs Burlison is expecting her second child in late December.

But there's more....

Miss Lancaster is expecting her first baby in early February.

We're looking forward to lots of baby cuddles in the Spring! We're sure you'll join with us in giving both our 'Mums to Be' our best wishes.

We have already organised two fabulous teachers to cover their maternity leaves and will give the parents/carers of Nursery and Y1 children more information nearer the time.



Reception have been using their senses! They have been for a sound walk, smelt and tasted different fruits, taken part in a feely bag game and looked at pictures to find the hidden characters.



Year 4 have been working in pairs to create a routine that combines balances and jumps in their gymnastics lesson.

Year 5 have been investigating square numbers and have worked collaboratively to chalk out The Planets on the playground.



Year 1 have labelled parts of the human body in their Science lessons. They discussed the different jobs each body part does.



Year 6 made blood during their science lesson on the circulatory system. They followed a recipe to ensure they got the ratios correct.